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PATENT APPLICATION  
Docket No. 16497.50

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of	)	
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Klein et al	)	
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Serial No.:	10/813,449	) Art Unit
		) 3734
Filed:	3/30/2004	)
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Conf No.:	7612	)
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For:	DEVICE AND METHOD FOR SUTURING	)
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Examiner:	Michael T. Andersen	)

**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT**

Mail Stop AMENDMENT -FEE  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450  
Dear Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated 5 October 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows and Applicant respectfully submits the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 7 of this paper.